

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 26, 2003, Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 are pending in this application, with claim 6 being independent. No new matter has been added.

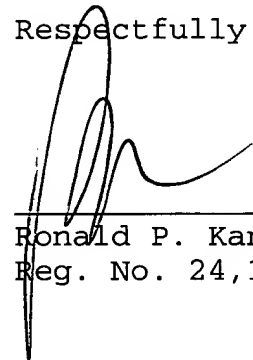
This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been amended by placing that claim into independent form. Claims 2-5 have been amended to depend from claim 6.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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